

Lancaster County - Substance Abuse Action Coalition Coordinating Council

**Minutes
June 9, 2004**

Present were: Teri Effle, LCAD, Deb Daily, Center for People in Need, Petra Smith, Cedars, Jane Reynolds, NU Directions, Brendan Evans, Snitily Carr, Sim Reynolds and Angie Hopp, MADD, Kit Boesch, Human Services Director.

Schedule Conflicts: Tami Soper, Malone, Center, Topher Hansen, CenterPointe, Jay Conrad, Houses of Hope, Mary Barry St. Monica's, Sandy Morrissey, Region V.

1. Introductions, AGENCY UPDATES and Announcements. Sim Reynolds introduced Angie Hopp who is a research intern with MADD this summer. NU Directions has hosted 5 resident roundtables to work on the issues of out-of-control parties in neighborhoods. Project DEFY will be implemented with cooperation from Malone Center and National Guard. It targets 9-12 year olds. Intensive program works with 20 kids for 6 months.
2. FUTURE MEETINGS: July 14, August 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13 10:00 a.m. Family Services
3. Team Reports (PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE): See Attachment A
4. SAAC BROCHURE COPY AND LETTERHEAD - Brendan Evans presented the drafts. PDF versions are available from Otto Schultz at Starfish@inebraska.com. Feedback should go to Brendan by fax 489-2727.
5. SUSTAINABILITY: Kit Boesch: strategic/tactical plan. We may need to gather the community of 200 for a half-day. We also need a systematic way to capitalize on the funding opportunities available to us. Kit and Otto will take the lead in putting this committee together for the long-term stability of SAAC. We need adequate staffing to support the three teams. We'd like to follow the model of the Family Violence Council and can do so by including administration as a portion of all grants. We have received \$5,000 from JBC.
6. MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS: The membership list was distributed. We discussed the possibility of having member organizations pay dues. We need to get a couple of larger businesses involved. Brendan will contact Leadership Lincoln and Otto will talk to some of the Employee Assistance Programs.
7. Getting new types of members - Otto Schultz, SAAC
 - a. How big should the Coordinating Council be?
 - b. Citizens, Consumers, Youth, Business, Faith community, Elected officials
 - c. Influential people or regular folks
 - d. It's time to name a name, and name the name that will ask the name
8. Web Site and 501c3 discussions were tabled.

Attachment -Team Reports

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March 15 – June 15 2004

The *BACK ON TRACK* treatment team has four goals in moving toward its mission to remove the barriers to treatment in Lancaster County. One goal is to decrease stigma and in April, it sponsored its first “Moment of Serenity” attended by over 100 people in heavy rain at the State Capitol. There was good press coverage of Chief Tom Casady as the keynote speaker and two other speakers who described their experiences with alcohol/drugs and recovery. To attack stigma, they were open about their identity. The team will continue to move forward developing an integrated marketing plan with the help of Snitily Carr and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Another goal is to increase early interventions by medical and behavioral health professionals. Eighteen Family Practice Residents and Faculty at LMEP attended the first training. Two more trainings are being scheduled. The experimental nature of the project has meant that it is so fluid that it has taken until June to have enough information to adopt a firm annual budget. In addition the team now has its strategic plan in place, so it is ready to seek future funding and provide for the long-term financial stability of the project.

The CRIMINAL JUSTICE TEAM has divided into juvenile and adult groups. The Juvenile group has named Scott Carlson of Juvenile Drug Court, as chair. They are identifying issues between the Criminal Justice System and the Treatment System. They are gathering focus groups of clients for input. They are also seeking parents and former clients to participate on the team. The training committee will present its ideas for training events to help the Criminal Justice and Treatment folks understand each other’s work.

The Adult Criminal Justice Team held its first meeting, chaired by Steve Rowoldt of County Probation. This group discussed a range of issues including the need to prepare for emerging opportunities that could provide increased funding to offenders who need treatment.

The PREVENTION COALITION received \$100,000 in Year II funding for its Drug Free Communities project and \$165,330 in Year I funding from the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement. New leadership for this coalition began in late February with Deb Daily of The Center for People in Need becoming the Chair and Otto Schultz providing staff services. The Coalition will now divide its work into three teams; (1) Training and Education, (2) Membership and Marketing, (3) Resource (Program) Identification and Analysis. They are planning for a large influx of youth at the June meeting, which will orient new people, young and old, to the work of the coalition. This meeting will also structure the coalition into the three teams. Project DEFY for 9-12 year olds was also funded during this time.